

URBAN DISTRICT OF SHERBORNE

ANNUAL HEALTH REPORT, 1942.

POPULATION - 1942 end of 6,796 (Estimated)

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
LIVE BIRTHS - Legitimate	74	33	41
Illegitimate	3	1	2
Total	77	34	43
STILL BIRTHS - Legitimate	4	4	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of resident population, 11.3 (England and Wales 15.8)

DEATHS - Males 37; Females 37; Total 74.

There were 12 deaths from Cancer and 16 from diseases of the heart.

DEATH RATE per 1,000 resident population, 10.9 (England and Wales 11.6)

Number of women dying in consequence of childbirth - None.

DEATHS from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) - None.

There has been no case of Ophthalmia Neonatorum

CAUSES OF SICKNESS - There is nothing to note save a mild epidemic of measles.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

These are all functioning normally.

During the year a fair number of school children have been immunised against Diphtheria and about 80%-85% of the Elementary School Children have now been protected.

All that can be done is being done to protect the children of 1 - 5 years, and from 85%-90% are now protected.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER - The supply is ample and pure, all is chlorinated and filtered. Analyses are made frequently and are generally satisfactory. These are made before chlorination. Samples are taken very frequently to test the chlorine content.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE ETC.

All the Sanitary Services are being carefully supervised and are working well.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES - Cases Notified:-

23 Scarlet Fever,  
1 Diphtheria,  
72 Measles,  
7 Pneumonia,  
1 Puerperal pyrexia  
4 Tuberculosis of lung - 4 deaths.

MILK SUPPLY

Constant efforts are being made to ensure that this is pure and clean. Samples are taken more frequently than in pre-war times and appropriate action is taken when necessary. A greater proportion of the supply is being pasteurised. The milk supply may be considered to be reasonably clean in all the circumstances.

The general health of the Town is good as shown by the vital statistics. There is no evidence of lack of nutrition and the children bear all the appearances of being adequately fed and clothed.

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